

The humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

*Die Jovis, 15 Novembris, 1739.*

*Most gracious Sovereign,*



WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to return Your Majesty our sincere and humble Thanks for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

The great Regard, which Your Majesty hath expressed for the Sense of both Houses of Parliament, in Your Proceedings with the Court of *Spain*, is a Continuance of that Royal Goodness, and Concern for the true Interests of Your People, which we have so often experienced; and Your Majesty's Desire to have the Advice and Assistance of Your Parliament, as early as possible, in this important Conjunction, is a fresh Proof of Your real Confidence in Your faithful Subjects.

The Justice and Necessity of the War, which Your Majesty has been pleased to declare against *Spain*, must be as demonstrable to all the World, as the violent and intolerable Methods practised by that Nation, to interrupt and distress the Navigation and Commerce of these Kingdoms, are notorious; and it is the highest Aggravation of this offensive and inexcusable Conduct, that it has been obstinately pursued, in breach of the most solemn Engagements, and in defiance of the highest Obligations of Friendship and good Offices. But since *Great Britain* has been thus unavoidably called forth to Arms, we esteem it our peculiar Felicity, that we have a Prince upon the Throne, who with paternal Tenderness joins in the just Resentment of an injured Nation; and whose Magnanimity and Steadiness are equal to the glorious Cause, in which He is engaged.

On this Occasion, the unfeigned Tender of our Lives and Fortunes is no more than is due to Your Majesty, and our Country; and we do from the Bottom of our Hearts give Your Majesty the strongest Assurances, that we will zealously concur in all such Measures, as may forward Your Preparations, and enable You to carry on the War with that Spirit and Vigour, which truly become the *British* Name.

Your Majesty's Goodness in acquainting us from the Throne, that You have augmented Your Forces by Sea and Land, pursuant to the Power given You by Parliament, with all the Moderation that was consistent with those desirable Ends, which You, in Your Royal Wisdom, have pointed out to us, is an Instance of Your Majesty's gracious Disposition to avoid bringing any unnecessary Burdens upon Your People: And though we can-



not flatter ourselves, that a State of War will not be attended with great Expences, and some Inconveniencies; yet when it is undertaken, not to gratify the Views of restless Ambition, but to assert and maintain the Honour and just Rights of Your Majesty's Crown and Kingdoms, we doubt not, but those powerful Motives will induce all Your Subjects to undergo with Cheerfulness, whatever is necessary in the Prosecution of it.

It gives us inexpressible Concern, that there should be any Occasion for Your Majesty to repeat Your gracious Admonitions against those Heats and Animosities, which have been fomented throughout the Kingdom. As we cannot but most seriously lament the unhappy Divisions thereby occasioned; so nothing shall be wanting on our Part to heal them, by promoting that good Harmony and Unanimity, which are so necessary at this Juncture: And we trust in God, that any Hopes or Views formed by our Enemies upon such Circumstances, will be found utterly vain and groundless; since all Your Majesty's Subjects must be convinced, that the Security of our Religion and Liberties, and the Safety and Prosperity of these Kingdoms do intirely depend on the Preservation of Your sacred Person and Government, and of the Protestant Succession in Your Royal House.

In this common Cause, Interest, as well as Duty, will make us unite; and we do with the greatest Zeal and Firmness assure Your Majesty, that we are determined, at the Hazard of all that is dear to us, to support it against all Your Enemies, both at Home and Abroad; imploring the divine Providence to give Success to Your Arms, and make them the happy Means of procuring a safe and honourable Peace.



## His MAJESTY's most gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

*I Thank you for this Address, so full of Duty and Affection to Me, and of seasonable Assurances of your vigorous Support. The Satisfaction you express in the Measures I have taken, is very agreeable to Me; and you may depend on My Endeavours to carry on the War in such a Manner, as may best answer the necessary Ends proposed by it, and the just Expectations of My People.*